

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A device for the continuous manufacture of microparticles or nanoparticles from at least one aqueous phase and one organic phase comprising:

a homogenization compartment in the form of a cylinder (1) which is defined by a tubular wall forming the casing of said cylinder and by a first side wall and a second side wall which are positioned at each end of said tubular wall;

the device additionally comprising a first inlet and a second inlet (2, 3) which pass through said first side wall and which are appropriate for respectively delivering an organic phase and an aqueous phase to the homogenization compartment (1) and an outlet (5) appropriate for extracting a particle suspension from the homogenization compartment (1);

the homogenization compartment (1) including a mixing system (4) comprising a rotor (11)/stator (12) combination, characterized in that wherein

- a) said side walls are positioned along a vertical plane,
- b) the axis of symmetry of said cylinder is positioned horizontally,
- c) the rotor (11) is installed so that it rotates about a horizontal axis which passes through said second side wall,
- d) said first inlet (2) is a hollow tube positioned in the extension of the axis of the rotor (11) and comprises a final part tip (6) situated inside the rotor (11) and inside the stator (12), and
- e) the homogenization compartment (1) exhibits a top side on which said outlet (5) is situated.

2. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the rotor (11) and the stator (12) are cylindrical in shape.

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in thatwherein the first inlet (2) comprises perforations (10).

5. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in thatwherein the number of perforations (10) is from 1 to 20.

6. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 4 or 5, characterized in thatwherein the perforations (10) have a diameter from 0.01 mm to 1 mm.

7. (currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in thatwherein the dimensions of the rotor-(11)/stator-(12) combination are such that the mixingsaid system occupies 4% to 40% of the volume of the homogenization compartment-(1).

8-12. (cancelled)

13. (new) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the rotor and the stator comprise a row of teeth and that the spacing between the teeth is from 1 to 4 mm.